

THURSDAY, January 25, 1872.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Bull.

Present at roll call the following Senators :

Messrs. President. Compton, Carroll, Claggett, Denson, Davis, Downs, Earle, Fields, Henry, Jump, Longwell, Miller, Stephenson, Spates, Sellman, Spencer, Steiner, Timmons, Tuck, Wilson, Williams—21.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Steiner presented the petition of Leonard Pickering, John R. Rouzer and twenty-four other citizens of Mechanics-town, in Frederick county, complaining of recent appointments of School Commissioners by one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of said county, and asking that the School Commissioners be elected by the people, and that provisions be made for the education of colored children.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Stephenson presented the petition of Mrs. Eliza Howlet, asking to be placed on the pension roll.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spates presented the petition of thirty-five citizens of Allegany county, asking pensions for Matilda Long and Harriet Woods, of said county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Earle presented a memorial from the Maryland Agricultural College.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Spates presented a petition from one hundred and thirty-two citizens of Allegany county, asking authority to divide said county.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Spates, Fields, Longwell, Compton and Tuck.

Mr. Stephenson presented the petition of eighty citizens of Harford county, asking that gill-nets be prohibited by law from fishing within water-births of shore and battery fisheries.